GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:258
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NON-PROCUREMENT OF PADDY
PUNNULAL MOHALE

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are aware of a situation arising out of non-procurement ofpaddy from traditional paddy producing regions like Chhattisgarh consequent upon procurement of paddy from non-additional paddy producing States like Punjab and Haryana;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government intend to formulate a policy guideline for FoodCorporation of India wherein it would be obliged to buy crops from traditional paddy producing States on priority basis;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PRADHAN)

(a),(b),(c)&(d): Paddy is being procured from the farmers in Chhattisgarh State underthe Minimum Support Price Scheme.As on 25.2.2002, a quantity of 15.79 lakh tonnes of paddy has been procured during the Kharif Marketing Season 2001-2002 in the State of Chhattisgarh. During the last Kharif Marketing Season 2000-2001, a quantity of 5.24 lakh MTs of paddy wasprocured in the State. Prior to the bifurcation of the State, the Government of Madhya Pradesh was procuring paddy on behalf of FCIAfter bifurcation, the same arrangement has been continued in Chhattisgarh and the State Government and its agencies are procuring paddy onbehalf of FCI.